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DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/MAG, NEA/RA FOR DANIELLE MONOSSON

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TAGS: ECPS ETTC KPAQ PREL PTER XF LY

SUBJECT: AL MANAR: REQUEST FOR POST INPUT ON NEXT STEPS

REF: STATE 136056

CLASSIFIED BY: Elizabeth Fritschle, Pol/Econ Chief, United States Embassy Tripoli, Libya, DOS.

REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

(S) This is in response to the request in reftel. Libya has traditionally had few contacts with Hizballah because of friction over the Imam Musa Sadr issue. While Qadhafi and the rest of the senior Libyan leadership would probably not be eager to add to that friction by taking on al-Manar, our best argument would be any examples of al-Manar broadcasts calling into question the validity of the Libyan Jamahiriya. The Libyans have no use for the idea of private militias operating outside government control, and they are concerned about radical religious movements that would create instability. If USG demarches could include specific examples of al-Manar reporting that denounced or threatened Libyan or other North African governments, our request to have the Libyans take action to remove the channel from Arabsat might have more traction. However, we do not believe that, even then, Libya would sign on to any such effort, given the broad popular support in Libya for Hizballah's supposed "victory" in its confrontation with Israel, as well as Nasrallah's popular appeal.

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